

# 21<sup>st</sup>

*Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

*Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah.*

*For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

*Matthew 16:15-18*



# Messiah



# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, August 26

8:00 am †Edward &  
†Georgianna Conrad,  
by Nick & Patrice Rose ..... SJ  
5:00 pm †Mary Cecchi,  
by Gary Cecchi.....SB

## Sunday, August 27

9:00 am Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus, ..... SJ  
11:00 am Our Parish Family, .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †Daniel Saucedo  
Torres,  
by Our Parish Family .....SB

## Monday, August 28

5:30 pm The Murphy & Wallis Families,  
by Terri Wallis .....SB

## Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am Thank you to my Parish Family,  
by Eileen Healy ..... SJ

## Wednesday, August 30

9:00 am †Sharon Sharai,  
by Ron & Jeri Golba .....SB

## Friday, September 1

8:00 am †Joanne Marsala  
by Our Parish Family ..... SJ

## Saturday, September 2

8:00 am The Intentions of Conor Amick  
by Chad Roden ..... SJ  
5:00 pm Reverend Bill Jacobs,  
by Eileen Healy .....SB

## Sunday, September 3

9:00 am Our Parish Family, ..... SJ  
11:00 am The Deceased Members of the  
Reuter & Shumard Families,  
by Ron & Lynne Reuter.....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †Phyllis & Lee Peters,  
by the Gaura Family .....SB

† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary

**Attend Our Masses by Live Stream,  
Phone, or the Web**

**Sunday, 9:00 am • St. John**

Visit Our Facebook Page: SS. John & Bernard  
YouTube Channel: SS John and Bernard Parish

## Now You Can Listen by Phone

You now can dial a toll free number and listen to  
the live audio of the Mass. The call in number is:  
**1-888-431-4633**

If you like, you can receive a call whenever we go  
live by following the prompts when you call in.

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of August 27, 2023*

## Sunday

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - G

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;  
Mt 16:13-20

## Monday

### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - W

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b;  
Mt 23:13-22

## Tuesday

### Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist - R

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

## Wednesday

### Wednesday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

## Thursday

### Thursday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 24:42-51

## Friday

### Friday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

## Saturday

### Saturday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

# Parish Directory

## Universal Church Directories

Our Church has selected Universal Church Directors to help us with our new church directory. Universal is widely known for top quality photography and directories. Their photographer will take professional pictures of you and your family, for the directory. Our scheduling process has begun! We will have volunteers eager to help you after Masses. You may also sign up through our website by using the link on the main page and entering the **code: mi1817** (case sensitive) and **password: photos** (case sensitive). Please note the system will be open to you Tuesdays-Fridays. The site will be closed Saturdays– Mondays, in order for us to input the in-person appointments gathered. If you are interested volunteering with the sign up process or on the day of the photo shoot, please contact **Wendy at 269-925-2425** or email at

**ssjbsecretary@gmail.com**

This is a terrific opportunity for a **FREE** professional portrait. Our dates for photography will be **September 25 & 26**. The photos will be taken at St. Bernard Parish Center. Schedule your family soon!





## Anointing of the Sick a Sacrament of Healing

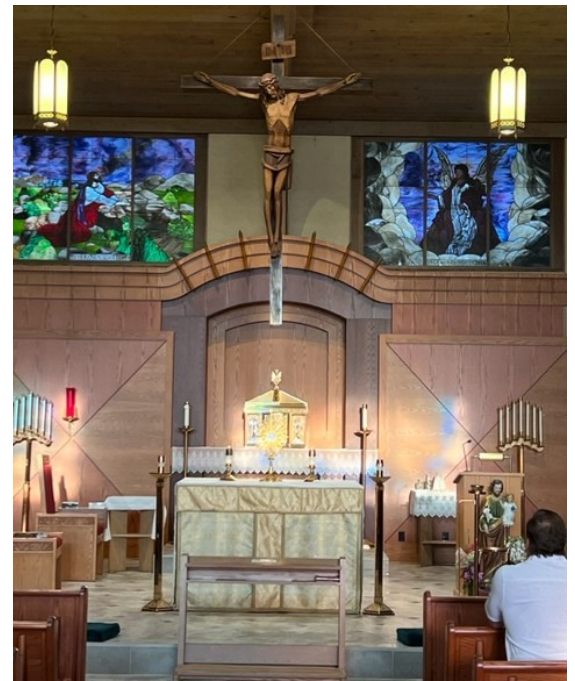
Do you have a family member who is transitioning to Hospice or is homebound and in need of Anointing or Confession? Please contact the Parish Office at 269-925-2425.

## Please Pray For Our Sick

Gary Allison  
Gabriel Andersen  
Anna Anderson  
Andrew Bain  
Elizabeth Bean  
Lee Boardman  
Sharon Calahan  
James Carpentier  
Cole Childress  
Denise Copi  
Grace deBest  
Dale DeLong  
Marietta DeMorrow  
Richard Dibble  
April Disterheft  
Christian Dornseif  
Sally Eberhard  
Sarah Fairthorne  
Sandy Fenderbosch  
Rose Fuller  
Michael Gagliardo  
Gabe Galligan  
Mike Gaunder  
Steve Gaunder  
Eileen Healy

Linda Heil  
Amanda Michaels  
Hamilton  
Philip Hild  
Barbara Hosbein  
Fr. Bill Jacobs  
Marilyn Jennings  
Lynne Jones  
Thomas Jones  
Theda Koshar  
David Liddle  
Cindy MacDonald  
Robert Martin  
Janine McDonough  
Mic McDonough  
Patrick McRae  
Linda Mitchell  
Jackie Miller  
Dorthea Myrick  
Larry Olson  
Rob Ott  
Anna Post  
Mary Ann Puchinsky  
Kim Puleo  
Mario Reich

Jolene Richards  
Kristy Schmitt  
Michael Sears  
Raejene Shaffer  
Ann Shembarger  
Martha Shuler  
Deanna Signor  
Dave Simaz  
Arlene Sisson  
Sherry Smith  
Catherine Sitarz  
Joseph Stainer  
Ruth Still  
The Tezich Family  
James Thomas, Jr.  
Shirley Thomas  
Terry Wallis  
Connie Weaver  
Brian Wilder  
Julie Wilder  
Jeannine Wyss  
Ruth Ann York  
Special Intentions



## Adoration

**Mondays** St. Bernard's 7:00 am - 4:30 pm  
**Fridays** St. John's 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Our goal is to have two people for each hour. Is God asking you to come and be with Him? We are in need of an adorer on Monday Mornings. To sign up, please call **269-925-2425**.

## Schedule for Labor Day

**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

There will not be Adoration on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Church, however we will still celebrate Daily Mass at 5:30 pm.



## Lector Schedule

**Saturday, August 26, .....5:00pm Mass**  
**Lectors ..... Peg Pinkowski**  
**Sunday, August 27, ..... 9:00 am Mass**  
**Lectors .....Jim Stouffer**  
**Sunday, August 27, ..... 11:00 am Mass**  
**Lector ..... Bill Klein**  
**Sunday, August 27, ..... 12:30 pm Mass**  
**Lector ..... Noemy**

**Saturday, September 2, .. 5:00pm Mass**  
**Lectors..... Peter Shaffer**  
**Sunday, September 3, ... 9:00 am Mass**  
**Lectors ..... Sinie Bass**  
**Sunday, September 3, . 11:00 am Mass**  
**Lector ..... Lynn Brunner**  
**Sunday, September 3, . 12:30 pm Mass**  
**Lector ..... Hermana Natalia**

## Banns of Marriage

**September 2, 2023**

Nicole Visin & Justin Salvano

## Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for Liana T. "Lee" Cunningham, that she may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.



# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Elementary School • (269) 429-0227**

**Sherri Kirschner, Principal**  
skirschner@lmclakers.org

**Middle/High School • (269) 983-2511**

**James White, Principal**  
jwhite@lmclakers.org

**Business Office • (269) 983-5529**

220 Church Street  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

## 2023 - 2024 School Year Enrollment is Open

Families interested in a quality faith-based education can call to schedule a tour: 269.429.0227 for pre-school through 5th grade; 269.983.2511 for 6th through 12th grade.

## Armata Bianca Family Adoration

**First Friday's 3:30 pm**

On the 1st Fridays at **3:30pm** at St. John's Church, join us for Family Adoration. Meet in the basement for a brief introduction. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact **Cindy Sirk** at [csirk67@gmail.com](mailto:csirk67@gmail.com)

## OLL is looking for a School bus driver

The school is currently looking for a positive, energetic part-time (25 hours a week) bus driver. If interested or require more information contact **Tom Strzykowski, Transportation Director** at [tstrzykowski@ollakers.org](mailto:tstrzykowski@ollakers.org) or 269-325-2771.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 Religious Education Year. This year our parish will be offering class options for students as young as three years old, through students currently enrolled in 8th grade. Registration forms have been sent via mail to all students who were enrolled in classes last year and are also available on our parish website. We hope that you consider joining us for this exciting new year. Please also continue to watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information regarding our specific religious education programs and events. visit our website or contact **Chad** at [4ChurchesYM@gmail.com](mailto:4ChurchesYM@gmail.com).

## Becoming Catholic

**Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

This September, SS. John & Bernard Parish will launch a new program called "Becoming Catholic." Historically known as the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and now called the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), "Becoming Catholic" is the process through which an adult becomes fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The program will consist of weekly meetings led by Dr. Donny Wallenfang, who will guide participants into the riches of the Catholic faith, including Scripture, Tradition, and all the teachings of the Church. "Becoming Catholic" meetings are open to any and all adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith and will take place in the Saint John's conference room on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM**, beginning on **September 20**. Please email Donny Wallenfang at [ssibformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssibformation@gmail.com) or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School has open positions.

**PE/Health, Full-Time**

**Elementary Spanish Teacher for TK—5th Grade Full or Part-Time**

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School is currently seeking a professional, positive, creative, motivating, and innovative PE/Health teacher for a full-time position. The teacher should be licensed and qualified to teach in the State of Michigan. The teacher will instruct middle and high school PE/Health courses. The teacher should have strengths in the areas of well-developed lesson planning and current pedagogy and methodologies in PE/Health instruction. Additionally, we are seeking a candidate who can successfully build positive relationships, has a passion for working with children, and effectively communicates with students, parents, and staff. Please contact: **James White M.Ed.-Principal 269-983-2511**, [jwhite@lmclakers.org](mailto:jwhite@lmclakers.org)





## Save the Date

***Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 pm***

Plan to spend the afternoon  
with your Parish Family!

Our Parish will provide the meat and drinks.  
Please bring a dish to pass

A - H please bring salads,  
I - S please bring sides,  
T - Z please bring desserts.

Please bring your dish to share in a  
disposable containers.

We are still in the planning stages, to volunteer,  
please contact the parish office **269-925-2425**  
or **ssjbsecretary@gmail.com**





## Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

### Sunday, August 27 • Domingo, 27 Augusto

- 8:15 am Confession,  
Confesiones, Iglesia de  
St. John's Church
- 11:00 am Spanish Bible Study  
Estudio Bíblico Español  
St. Bernard Parish Center

### Monday, August 28 • Lunes, 28 Augusto

- 7:00 am Adoration  
Adoracion al Santisimo en Iglesia  
St. Bernard's Church
- 4:30 pm Confession,  
Confesiones, Iglesia de  
St. Bernard's Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction  
Bendicion, Iglesia,  
St. Bernard's Church
- 6:15 pm Walking With Moms in Need  
Caminando con mamás necesitadas  
St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Millions of Monica's,  
Millones de Mónica  
St. Bernard's Church

### Tuesday, August 29 • Martes, 29 Augusto

- 5:00 pm Training for Extra Ordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion  
Capacitación para Ministros Extraordinarios  
de la Sagrada Comunión  
St. Bernard's Church
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary,  
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm HS Youth Group  
Grupo Juvenil de la HS  
Rose Center,
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice, St. John's Church

### Wednesday, August 30 • Miercoles, 30 Augusto

### Thursday, August 31 • Jueves, 31 Augusto

- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Legión de María (Español)  
St. Bernard's Classroom

### Friday, September 1 • Viernes, 1 Septiembre

- 8:30 am Adoration & Confession  
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia  
St. John's Church
- 3:30 pm Armata Bianca  
Armata Blanca  
St. John's Church
- 4:20 pm Benediction, St. John Church  
Bendicion, Iglesia St. John
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
ensayo de coro (Español)  
St. Bernard's Church

### Saturday, September 2 • Sabado, 2 Septiembre

- 8:30 am Quilt Ministry  
Ministerio del edredón  
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 10:00 am Men's Ultimate Frisbee  
Ultimate frisbee masculino  
St. Bernard's Church Grounds
- 3:30 pm Confession, St. Bernard's Church  
Confesiones, Iglesia St. Bernard

## Training for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Tuesday, August 29 at 5:00 pm**

There will be training for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Tuesday, August 29, at 5:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office 269-925-2425.



**"For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more."**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe O.F.M.Con.**

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a martyr of Charity in the 20th century. Living a heroic life of love and virtue Fr. Kolbe led many souls to Christ through his missionary work. Founding several towns and other publications, Fr. Kolbe became an outspoken critic of the Nazi regime. During the war, Fr. Kolbe would not only bring comfort to his fellow prisoners but would give witness to the power and message of the Gospel.

We invite all students entering 8th -12th grades to consider joining us on our annual youth pilgrimage. This year we will visit the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will spend the day learning about St. Max's life, praying together, and even receiving a special blessing with his relics. The day will be led by the Conventual Franciscan Friars (the religious community that St. Max belonged to) at the Marytown Shrine. We will visit on **Saturday, September 23rd**. The cost is **\$20 per student** and lunch will be provided (gluten free meals available upon request). For more information, or to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact Chad at [4Churchesym@gmail.com](mailto:4Churchesym@gmail.com)

## Report of Physical, Sexual, or Emotional Misconduct

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **1-844.324.3374**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit **ReportBishopAbuse.org** or phone **1-800-276-1562**.

When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

# Knights of Columbus

## Council 1120

Join us, as we continue our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join. For more information **contact Membership Director, Paul LaFlamme at 651-380-7183.**

### Upcoming Events

#### August 27 • 9:00 am

Corporate Communion ..... St. John's Church

#### September 5 • 6:00 pm

K of C Officers Meeting

.....Knights Room in St. Bernard

K of C Rosary ..... St. Bernard's Church

K of C Monthly Meeting.....

.....St. Bernard's Parish Center

#### September 10 • 2:00 pm

Parish Picnic..... St. Bernard's Church Grounds

## Our Stewardship

### For August 20, 2023

Collections .....\$6,615.00

Online .....\$2,567.00

### It's Easy To Give Online

Our online giving platform is quick and easy on our parish website. For more information contact the Parish Office.

### Bishops Annual Appeal 2023

Goal .....\$116,685.00

Pledged .....\$95,072.00

Number of Families .....225

Needed towards goal.....\$21,613.00

**A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who made a pledge or contribution!**

## Parish Directory

### St. John Parish

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### St. Bernard Parish

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### Parish Office Information

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Fax (269) 925-4678

Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

### Parish Staff

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**and Caretaker • Chris Visin**

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**Sacramental Emergency Only**

Call (269) 985-7331 and follow the instructions carefully. Please leave a message on the emergency line only, if no one answers as it is always monitored.

**Catholic Community Center**

**Catholic Charities of Southwest**

**Michigan**

(269) 926-6424

**Readiness Center • Martha**

**Thieneman**

(269) 926-4084

**Our Lady of the Lake**

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